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Please amend the above-referenced Divisional Patent Application as follows:

On Page 1, after the title "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING GASEOUS FUEL FIRED HEATER", please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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